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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 25, 1881.

There has been much in the Postoffice Department for some days past, and the concert is not wholly over yet. Enough has been developed, however, to cause the retirement of Second Assistant Postmaster-General Brady, and to make others in the contract division shake in their boots. The star route mail service has been a prolific source of agitation for some time. When Mr. Brady came before the last Congress with a big deficiency bill for this service, things looked very suspicious, and something of a stir was made. The House Postoffice Committee instituted an investigation and for weeks the public prints were full of the matter. People capable of putting two and two together, learned enough at that time to satisfy them that there was a large sized African in the woodpile somewhere, but Congress took no further action on the subject. The lobby was well greased, and it was admitted that Brady had exceeded his authority in thus creating a large deficiency, but they said no wrong had been done. One reason of this mild treatment at the hands of Congress was that many congressmen had been so well provided with additional postal facilities in their districts, and otherwise "conciliated," that they were not in a position to render judgment.

When the new administration came in, an investigation was set on foot which is said to have developed some ugly facts. Specific information bearing on the subject is for the present carefully withheld by the postoffice officials, but it is admitted that the records show that on the 1st of January, 1880, the pay for carrying the mails on less than 100 out of more than 9,000 star routes had been increased from about \$700,000 at the time of letting to 2,800,000 by orders for additional trips and for shortened time. A considerable part of this increased service, according to the evidence accumulated, was either not performed, the irregularities being carefully planned, it is supposed, for the purpose of transferring money from the treasury to the pockets of favored contractors and their confederates. The irregularities seem to have been confined chiefly to routes west of the Mississippi river, and to those in the Territories. Nearly half of the six millions appropriated for the star service was appropriated among the favorite contractors of 93 routes. Under this arrangement the ring divided about \$2,000,000, though the share of each is only known to the parties to the steal. Brady owns a majority of the *National Republican* recently reorganized with George Gorham as editor, and Hallet Kilbourn business manager. It has been stated that Buell, now owner of the *Washington Capital*, also got his share for lobby services while an officer of the Senate. If this is true, it may account for his tenderness towards the Republican party of late. It is reported that some cases will be presented to the Grand Jury as soon as the evidence is completed. Brady left for New York immediately after his resignation.

The condition of affairs with reference to the offices of the Senate is leading to some unpleasant personal relations, not only on the floor of the Senate, but outside of the chamber. Several times within the last month have scenes occurred on the floor of that body which have been far from dignified or lightened. Epithets and aspersions have been bandied about and passed between senators which would scarcely be considered the thing, even in barrooms. The bitterness and the animosities thus engendered are spreading to places of public resort, and may invade private circles if conciliation and discretion do not intervene. So intense has the feeling become that personal friends in both parties now avoid discussion of the Mahone-Republican-republican alliance. Even Republicans are divided in opinion as to the right or wrong, as well as to the policy of this alliance. Among those who feel most keenly and resent most strongly this "futile dalliance" with Mahone, either on the part of the Senate or the executive, are the Straight Republicans of Virginia. Congressman Jorgensen who represented about the only Republican district in the State has been active in opposition to the bargain with Mahone and in consequence, Gorman, who edits the *Republican*, and who expects to be Secretary of the Senate by Mahone vote, has bitterly denounced Jorgensen. The two had a highly exciting scene in the sanctum of the *Republican* one night this week. Gorman refused to print a card of Jorgensen's stating his position and giving reasons why the 80,000 Republicans of Virginia should not surrender to Mahone's handful of repudiators, whereupon Jorgensen gave his opinion of Gorman in language most expressive and emphatic, and so it goes.

Meanwhile there is great anxiety at the White House and in Republican circles generally, over the unconfirmed appointments. The situation is really damaging to the party as well as distressing to certain ambitious individuals and ways and means to secure a few executive sessions without any apparent surrender are being discussed. One way that has been suggested is for some senator who has a partly independent constituency, like Miller of California, to join the Democrats in voting, to go into a session for confutations. His colleagues would appear to be indignant while really glad in their hearts. It is not impossible that some such plan may be arranged very soon. The Democrats feel very bitter against Senator Fry for his venomous and untruthful speech, which is believed to have been inspired by the administration. Some of them feel very much like retaliation by voting with Conkling against Robertson, and it is reported that eighteen Democratic senators are already committed that way. But this would be a great mistake, it seems to me, altogether the situation is very much mixed. One thing is certain, it begins to look as though neither Gorham or Riddleberger would ever be permitted to become officers of the Senate, and the former talks in his newspaper about the country being in greater peril than at any time since 1861.

Garfield's daily horseback rides have made him feel better, and he looks so well that he has been sitting for three or four styles of pictures.

DECORATION DAY.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
TOLEDO, OHIO, APRIL 22, 1881.
GENERAL ORDER, No. 4.

In accordance with General Orders No. 14, National Headquarters, directing the observance of Memorial Day, the 30th proximo, the Department Commander commits with confidence to several Posts of this Department, the duty of making arrangements for this anniversary of gratitude. As the years go by this labor of love is greatly enlarged, as, one by one, those who have survived the toils of the march, the dangers of the deadly strife, the pain and weariness of the hospital and the prison, are called to the Grand Encampment above, and no longer answer to our roll-call.

Memorial Day is our pledge, the pledge of the people, that none of these, nor any who have gone on with the advance of the ever lengthening column of our sacred dead, shall sleep in a neglected grave. It was a happy inspiration that first suggested the now established custom of strewing with flowers the graves of those who died that the Nation might live. Not that our gallant dead could ever be forgotten by their surviving comrades. Their memory lives and flourishes unaffected by the revolving seasons, save as the silent lapse of time makes them still more beloved. Memorial Day comes not only to remind us of our duty to the departed, but gives us grateful occasion to express the unfeeling love which is ever present in our hearts. The buds and blossoms of Spring seem to plead for the privilege of breathing their fragrance around the lowly resting-places of the brave and the strong, who counted not their own lives dear unto them when the Nation's life and honor were assailed. These bright creations of reviving nature, types of a better resurrection, we gladly appropriate—beautiful though fugitive tokens of our enduring regard for those who died that we might enjoy peace and happiness.

Committed anew to the Officers and Comrades of the Department, is the sacred trust, confidently hoping for such observance of the day and such re-enjoyment of the traditions it bears and preserves, as shall testify how revered are the patriotic dead, how sacred the cause in which they fell, and how under our banner of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, we are pledged to preserve their memories, and to guard the charges sealed to us by their precious blood.

By Command of
JOHN S. KOUNTZ,
Department Commander.
GEO. S. CAMPFIELD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

A BOGUS "OUTRAGE."

A Characteristic Bloody Shirt Story Comes to Grief.

[By Associated Press to the Plain Dealer.]
NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—The *Democrat* publishes a statement received from R. D. Bridger, Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, in relation to the publication made by Charles Heath concerning the burning of the property in Caldwell parish. Judge Bridger says: "Charles Heath owns no property in the parish. His brother, Edward Heath, owns a plantation in this parish ten miles below Columbia, appraised at \$3,540. Charles Heath usually visited the place and managed it for his brother. He was never on the place more than three or four months during each year. The place was generally leased to or worked on shares by laborers." The Judge says the ward in which Heath's place is located is controlled by the colored population, represented in the police jury by a colored man, who is also a member of the parish school board. The justice of the peace and constable are colored. The statement of Charles Heath in relation to the alleged troubles and causes are false.

The Judge further says: There having been several fires recently in the parish, and all buildings burned being insured, I determined to have the matter investigated. The following is an extract from the report of the grand jury, at the January term, of the burning of the Heath property: "We find the general opinion of persons residing in the vicinity is that the burning was the work of an incendiary, but can find no clue to the perpetrator of the act. It is reported that the property destroyed was fully covered by insurance."

In conclusion, Judge Bridger says: I am fully convinced the property was burned to get the insurance money. The foreman of the jury informed me whilst they could not get sufficient evidence to authorize them to find a bill, yet he was fully persuaded and convinced in his own mind the property was burned to obtain money. I think evidence has been obtained sufficient to justify the grand jury at the July term in finding a bill. Heath's statement is totally false and a slander on the people of our parish.

Robert J. Caldwell, born in the parish and a Republican since the close of the war, adds, "No man's property is endangered on account of his political feelings."

Another "Dead-Lock."

[Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.]

WASHINGTON, April 23.—In addition to Barnum's circus and the Senate deadlock, Washington has another matter of interest—a war between the street railroad and a cab company. The most profitable street car traffic in the city is that on Pennsylvania avenue, between the White House and Capitol. A cab company has lately attempted to divert a portion of this travel from the street cars. This was attempted once before by a chariot company, and the railroad bought up the whole concern. To drive off the intruders, the horse-car fare is reduced to three cents. It is a great convenience to office-seekers, and enables them to see-saw between the White House and Capitol at reduced rates. There are no signs that this dead-lock will be broken. The cab company, like the Democrats, say they have come to stay.

The Secretary of the Navy knows something about one ship anyhow. We refer to courtship. He has had four wives.

THE NOMINATIONS.

The Sixteenth Regiment puts a full Ticket in the Field.

[Toledo Telegram 23d.]

Pursuant to the general order issued some days since, the delegates from the staff and various companies of the Sixteenth regiment met at the office of Adjutant Henry S. Bunker, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for the position of colonel, made vacant by the recent resignation of Col. H. G. Neubert.

Promptly at the hour named the meeting was called to order by Surgeon J. T. Woods, the ranking officer present, Captain Robinson Locke, being elected secretary.

Delegates reported present as follows: Field and Staff—Surgeon J. T. Woods; Company A—Capt. Jacob Weier; Company B—Lieut. Bouton; Company C—Capt. Locke; Company D—Lieut. Caples; Company E—Lieut. Caples; Company F—Capt. H. E. Carey; Company G—Capt. W. H. Moore; Company H—Capt. M. B. Lemmon. With commendable alacrity they proceeded to dispose of the business in hand, and the name of Lieut. Col. J. D. Norton was presented by Capt. M. B. Lemmon, of G. company, who, in a highly eulogistic speech, set forth the gentleman's excellent qualifications for the position of colonel. There being no desire to put another candidate in the field, the nomination was made unanimously.

The nomination of Col. Norton being equivalent to an election, it was deemed necessary to nominate a candidate for the position of lieutenant-colonel, and to that end Lieut. Frank Caples of D. company, nominated Maj. Jno. G. Avery, which also met with a unanimous approval.

For the position of major, the following names were placed in nomination: Adj. H. S. Bunker, by Capt. H. E. Carey; Capt. Robinson Locke, by Capt. J. M. Weier, and Capt. M. B. Lemmon, by Capt. W. H. Moore.

The latter gentleman modestly declined to be a candidate.

Tuesday, May 17, at 1 o'clock p. m., was fixed upon as the time for holding the meeting of the board of Canvassers, to announce the result of the election, the board to meet at the office of Adjutant Bunker.

Upon motion of Captain Lemmon, a unanimous invitation was tendered the Norwalk company, formerly G. company, the Sixteenth regiment, late a company of the recently disbanded Fifteenth regiment, to return to the Sixteenth regiment.

Capt. Wickham, of Norwalk, being present, expressed, on behalf of the officers and members of his company, heartfelt thanks for the courtesy which had been extended the company. Lieut. Kennan, of the same company, upon returning his thanks, expressed it as his opinion that the invitation would be gladly accepted.

The business of the meeting having been completed an adjournment then took place.

DE LESSEPS' CANAL COMPANY.

Treasurer Absconds With \$30,000!

NEW YORK, April 23.—Panama news just received, dated ten days ago, says: The Treasurer of De Lesseps' Canal Company has disappeared with \$30,000 in French gold belonging to the company. He went away on a tug, from which he boarded a steamer.

The Canal Company for a time attempted to account for the Treasurer's absence by saying that he had committed suicide, for reasons of his own, by drowning himself in the Charges River. The truth is now, however, admitted.

It is now reported that another official of the Canal Company has absconded with \$800. There is a general feeling of dissatisfaction on the Isthmus with regard to the canal people. Many persons under the company are absolutely disgusted with the manner in which they are treated. The employees are compelled to take board from the company in order to get anything to eat, and are charged a stiff price. The food is often too little to satisfy them. The employees are compelled to procure more on credit. For this most outrageous prices are demanded on the plea that the company find it next to impossible to procure the regular supply alone.

At Matanchin an engineer was paying for board of himself, wife and child \$60 a month. Not getting enough to satisfy himself, they took necessary extras, having them charged against the husband's salary. In the account at the expiration of a month the engineer found a bill of extras charged against his family by the company that amounted to \$120, bringing him into debt on the next month's salary \$60.

An Englishman who had been at work seven weeks went to settle up, and found himself indebted to the company \$60 over and above all his earnings. The food furnished by the company consists of native rice, dried beef, beans, codfish, and occasionally fresh beef given out in miserly measure. The Canal Company's commissary department seems to be managed so as to secure the labor of the company's employees for nothing.

How She Saved Money.

"For nearly six years my daughter was most of the time on a sick-bed from Kidney and other disorders peculiar to woman. We had used up our savings on doctors and prescriptions without any benefit. Our domestic advised us to try Parker's Ginger Tonic, and four bottles effected a marvelous cure. As it has been our only medicine since, and a dollar's worth has kept our family well over a year, we have been able to lay by a little money again for a rainy day."—A Poor Man's Wife. apl 7-1 mo.

A young lady of Madison, Wis., received many anonymous poems of an amorous and flattering character. She finally submitted them to an intimate friend, a married lady, who recognized the handwriting as her husband's.

STAR ROUTE RING.

Senator Dorsey Accused of Being Implicated in the Case.

The Development Causes Excitement in Washington.

The New York Times of Sunday morning contained the following from a special Washington correspondent:

Those who claim to know all the points of the investigation which is being made into the methods of the Star Route ring, say that the half has not been made public, and will not be until measures are taken to bring Brady to justice and the penitentiary if possible. The whole steal is practically divided between what is known as the "Dorsey gang" and the "Gilmer and Salisbury party," the latter being by far the most extensive operators in the swindle. The "Dorsey gang" is composed of J. W. Dorsey, J. M. Beck and J. R. Miner, who acted as blinds for Stephen W. Dorsey, Senator from Arkansas, and Secretary of the Republican National Committee, bidding for and receiving contracts. J. W. Dorsey is a brother of Stephen W. Dorsey. Only a little over three years ago he was a farmer in Vermont, an ignorant stupid specimen of humanity. He was not so stupid, however, that his more brilliant brother could not use him as a cat's paw to pull the gold from the public Treasury, and he was brought to Washington for this purpose. J. M. Beck, the second worthy of the trio, is a brother-in-law of Stephen W. Dorsey, having married a sister of the latter's wife, and J. R. Miner is a partner of the great original Dorsey himself. He was brought from Sandusky, O., expressly for the star route business. The amount known to have been pocketed by the S. W. Dorsey gang in excess of the amount called for by their original bids is not less in round numbers than \$412,000. What percentage of this was transferred to Brady as his share of the spoils, only Stephen W. Dorsey and his partners can tell. The firm of Gilmer, Salisbury & Co., which did even more extensive business in the swindles than the Dorsey crowd, is composed of J. T. Gilmer, Monroe Salisbury, and O. Y. Salisbury. A young brother of Monroe J. T. Gilmer, was formerly stage driver over the Holiday Overland route, from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Cal. He was very ignorant and could scarcely write his own name, but he had a shrewd eye for business. In 1868 he formed a partnership with the two Salisburys, and bought out a stage line of Wells, Fargo & Co. over which most of the mails in the territories were at that time carried. Since then the firm has been engaged in the star route business, and has made a large fortune. Among the agents who have made straw bids in the interest of this firm are V. W. Parker, T. A. McDivott, A. S. Patrick, Luke Voorhees, Geo. H. Platt, O. Salisbury, Patrick & Brown, A. H. Brown, G. V. Messerole, C. Cosgrove, W. W. Giddings, C. D. Seeley, F. W. W. Gilman, brother of J. F. Gilman, W. D. Hill, Hugh White Salisbury & Nichols, W. M. Hamilton, M. V. Nichols and Wm. H. Force.

The excess of pay received by the Gilmer and Salisbury combination over that called for by their original contracts, amounts to the neat little sum of \$778,508, with some still to hear from. In addition to the money given large contractors, small fortunes have been divided between Brady and smaller contractors, who made their bids on their own account. In Louisiana Dr. Peterson secured an excess of \$40,261 on a route of 261 miles. Dr. Peterson was formerly a member of the Warmouth ring in Louisiana, but now lives in this city upon an income derived from his dealings with Brady, Charles E. Andrews, who received on two routes, each 20 miles long, an excess of \$12,357 is a Washington man. He was formerly a clerk in the postoffice department here but was removed by Postmaster General Jewell for malfeasance in office. John A. Walsh, who secured an increase of \$118,475 on a route from Prescott to Santa Fe, Arizona, for which he originally contracted for \$18,500, is a native of Louisiana. When the war broke out he joined the rebel army, but after the reconstruction of Louisiana, he rejoined the ring. He was indicted in New Orleans for making illicit whisky, and was saved from imprisonment by Brady, who was at that time supervisor of internal revenue at New Orleans, and refused to appear against him.

While Senator Johnston, of Virginia, was speaking the other day, Mrs. Johnston occupied a seat in the gallery, and near her stood two Readjusters. When the Senator bore down heavily on Gen. Mahone and Mr. Riddleberger one of them said: "Listen to the old liar. He says he is a Democrat, when he is no such thing. Listen to him and said: 'You are mistaken, sir, he was born a Democrat, reared a Democrat, and will die a Democrat. I ought to know, as I am his wife.' There was a speedy retreat of the couple. This reply was worthy of the daughter of the elder Governor Floyd, the kinawoman of Wm. C. Preston, and the wife of John Johnson.

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MAY WEATHER.

As Predicted by the Canadian Barometer.

Professor Henry G. Vennor, of Canada, has this to say concerning the weather in May: "Toward the end of the week in May, or about the 5th and 6th, snow falls may be looked for in the lower provinces of Canada and about May 3d frosts are probable in central and southern Illinois, with rain and snow prevailing in some localities. There will also, in all probability, be snow falls through the Gulf and the St. Lawrence district about the 7th and 8th. After the 10th of May, however, hot weather may be expected and after the 15th bush fires will probably break out in certain districts, although thunder storms are also probable on the 13th and 15th. Between the 20th and 25th there will probably be cloudy weather with rains, and vegetation will have advanced considerably by the 24th of the month. Between the 20th and 25th the weather will probably be cool. The month will end hot and sultry."

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Probate Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that John Scotland, Esq., executor of the estate of Charles Harrington, deceased, has filed his second partial account, which will be for hearing on the 21st day of May, 1881.

JAS. G. HALY,
Probate Judge.

April 25, 1881.

Probate Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sophia Hogue, Guardian of the minor heirs of Henry Hogue, deceased, has filed her first partial account for settlement, which will be for hearing May 21st, 1881.

JAMES G. HALY,
Probate Judge.

April 26, 1881.

Probate Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that B. W. Pennock, Administrator of the estate of William D. Pennock, deceased, has filed his final account for settlement, which will be for hearing May 21, 1881.

JAMES G. HALY,
Probate Judge.

April 27, 1881.

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WILLIAM HYTER,
Administrator of the estate of Peter Hoy, deceased.

By Tyler & Daugherty, his Attys.

April 12, 1881.

Probate Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that David Hoy, Administrator of the estate of Peter Hoy, deceased, has filed his first and final account for settlement, which will be for hearing May 19th, 1881.

JAMES G. HALY,
Probate Judge.

April 19, 1881.

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